MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Is there any case of dismissal on account of chronic disobedience on the part of any process-server whose work has fallen far below the percentage fixed by the High Court?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No information is available.

Enhancement of Tree-tax in Cochin.

103. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Cochin Government have been addressed to enhance the tree-tax as far as practicable, and, if so, with what result?

(*b*) Are the Government aware that, while the Cochin Government levy a low tree-tax, it is made up by a large rental which equalises the price of toddy in the bordering taluks of Cochin and Travancore?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Cochin Government was addressed with a view to enhance the rates of tree-tax prevailing in Cochin. As a result, that Government has now raised the tree-tax as follows:—

Cocoanut	...	Bh. Rs. 2 per year.
Palmyra	...	Annas 12 per year.
Chundapana	...	Bh. Rs. 4 per year.

(*b*) Government are not aware.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that in the coming contract the tree-tax has been raised to the same level as that in Travancore?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The latest figures known have been given in the answer.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that in the coming year the tree-tax has to be enhanced to the same level as in Travancore?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government have no information.

PRESIDENT: You mean the Cochin Government, Mr. Hoogewerf?

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Yes, Sir.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government have no information in the matter.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that the price of toddy in Cochin is the same as the price of toddy in the border of Travancore?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): This question was asked by Mr. Hoogewerf himself on a former occasion and it was then answered (*vide* page 344, Vol. IV, of the Legislative Council Proceedings).

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[Mr. M. N. Pillai.]

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that while the Cochin Government levy a low tree-tax it is made up by a large rental?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): This is clause (*b*) of question 125 to which the answer is there: "Government are not aware."

Special Consideration for War-service Men.

104. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are the Government aware that persons who have put in service during the late war are given special consideration in British India? If so, will the Government be pleased to allow the same concessions to those who are similarly situated in Travancore?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. Similar concessions have been allowed in Travancore to persons who have put in service during the war.

Counting of Overseas Service for Pension.

105. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is it a fact that the period of pensionable service overseas does not count towards pension in Travancore and, if so, will the Government be pleased to say whether they have any objection to revise the order so as to make it conformable to the rules obtaining in similar cases in British India?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): No. The period of service overseas counts for pension in Travancore.

Work of the Soldiers' Committee.

106. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): How far, and in what way, has the Soldiers' Committee been instrumental in securing service for men who have returned from overseas service? How many of the recommendations of that committee in respect of overseas men have so far been accepted by the Government?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Soldiers' Committee has recommended 1,410 demobilised men of good character for employment. Of these 454 have been actually employed.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are going to extend the same privilege to the remaining 956 hands that are left unemployed?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are not in a position to know what sort of men the remaining 956 are.

PRESIDENT: You will please note the question.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I know the question. I want to know whether the remaining 956 will also be employed in service.

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